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Ever since money as a medium of exchange came into use, supplanting the original method of exchange of commodities, it has been the aim of man to gather to himself as much of that useful medium as he could, giving in exchange as little as possible, in time or labor. One method employed to that end goes under the name of gambling. The evil of gambling has grown to such dimensions and taken such a hold upon all peoples of the world that palaces, costing many thousands of dollars and sanctioned by license are erected for the sole purpose of betting money. Such a place is the famous Monte Carlo, the largest, the richest, most magnificently appointed and furnished gambling palace in the world.

The principality of Monaco, a small state on the outskirts of France, is ruled over by a prince of the same name, contains within its boundaries this wonderful palace of chance. The "Casino," as the gambling hall is called, is the only source from which the ruling prince derives any income. He sanctions gambling within his principality and for this privilege the operators of Monte Carlo allow him a princely salary and pay all the running expenses of the state.

The Casino was opened for operations on the first day of April, forty-six years ago, and since that time there have been more crimes, murders, suicides and robberies committed through its direct agency than in any other ten crime-steeped localities of the world.

There was a time when people were proud to mention the fact that they had been to Monte Carlo. In fact if one were in circumstances to travel

in Europe and had not paid the great gambling palace a visit they were not considered much of a person. In the last three or four years the world's feelings regarding Monte Carlo have undergone a decided change, and now the cry is, "Monte Carlo Must Go."

There are innumerable books written about Monte Carlo. From none of them is omitted the terrible tale of blood. In two of these books, written only a short time ago, are records of suicides and murders. One of these is called "History of Crimes and Suicides," a nice little certainly. And in that book is an appalling list of 3000 known suicides and murders committed in Monte Carlo in the space of fifteen years. The known suicides average fully 200 a year and some weeks there have been as many as three a day.

The authorities of the Casino make every endeavor to hush up all cases of suicide. A large force of guards and plain clothed men are constantly in the employ of the gambling company, wandering about the grounds and embankments to prevent suicides or to rush the body of a suicide who has escaped their vigilance, out of the way thereby preventing as much publicity as possible.

The corpse is rushed quietly to the Morgue—a secret morgue. Here it is kept some time to see whether relatives or friends are going to interfere or kick up a row. Every once in a while a steamer slips out of the harbor at dead of night. Its cargo is secured at the secret morgue. At sea the bodies are thrown overboard duly weighted, without toll of bell or muttered prayer.

There are countless graves of unknown dead in the Monte Carlo cemetery. But there are only those whose death has become known to the public

The Casino authorities have established a bureau where a person who has gone "broke" after dropping a large sum of money at one of the many tables, can "borrow" enough to get home. If this fact were generally known there would probably be a falling off in the number of suicides brought about by having wagered their last cent and lost.

Among the tragedies at Monte Carlo many have been of interest in America. There have been a score or more Americans who have committed suicide. In the case of the American girl bride, both she and her husband entered on their honeymoon to the paradise of the Riviera, could not resist the temptation to play a dollar or two at the tables. They won and lusted immediately for more. And then as usual they began losing. Day after day, night after night they wasted the sunny hours over the gaming tables feverishly trying to win back what they had lost. And then of a sudden the end came. At their resources had been swallowed up. Their jewelry, the bride's trousseau and bits of finery, had been pawned or sold and the money swept into the voracious maw of the Casino. Their hotel bill at Caumont was large. The glimpse of the black future was too much for their youthful experience and so they decided that death alone could solve their problem.

One of the most pitiful of the thousands of cases was that of another bride couple—Germans. For the honeymoon they also went to the Riviera. The bridegroom made it partly a business trip for he was authorized to visit various Continental cities and collect bills for his firm. He was on his way home when Monte Carlo was reached. The man had \$40,000 in his possession—the collections. Fearing

that he might be tempted to play some of it he handed the whole sum as well as his own money to his wife and visited the Casino alone with but a \$5 bill. This he quickly lost but he spent the remainder of the afternoon and evening enjoying the beauties of the Casino and attending the concert and fine theater. When he returned to his hotel that night he found his wife gone. She had left soon after he did. The man at once informed the Nice police. They in turn told the Monte Carlo authorities and the bride was traced. She had gone to the gambling rooms and tried her luck. It had been bad and she was soon plunging large sums in order to regain her losses. In a few hours the entire sum entrusted to her by her husband was lost. The bride walked out of the place closely followed by the anti-suicide guardians. But before they could reach her she had jumped over the terrace to death two hundred feet below.

The profits of the Casino are immense. Last year they were \$7,500,000, an increase of \$700,000 over the previous year. Seventy per cent was paid to the shareholders. The majority of the shares are held by the Blanc family, the leading member of which is the Princess Marie Bonaparte, whose father was Prince Roland Bonaparte and mother the daughter of M. Blanc, the founder of Monte Carlo.

All the high-class papers of Britain are demanding the suppression of Monte Carlo. The Times, the Pall Mall, William Waldorf Astor's paper, the Express; the Leader, the News, are but a few of the big London dailies. In the Times is the request that President Roosevelt take the initiative.

As this request was made nearly three years ago it is barely probable that Mr. Roosevelt will make any move in the matter of leading a crusade against Monte Carlo.

Real Estate Transactions

Recorded Nov. 9, 1909.

Robert I. Namokueha to Samuel Namokueha; D: Int in East of Namokueha (k) and Kuanailewa Namokueha (w); \$50. B 319, p 370. Oct 12, 1909.

Charles F. Gilliland et als to Mutl Bldg & Loan Socy of Haw Ltd; M: 11710 sq ft land, bldgs, rents etc, Robello Lane, Honolulu. \$600. B 322, p 378. Nov 8, 1909.

L. L. McCandless to Honolulu Plant Co; L: various pes land, water rt etc, Mananaki etc, Ewa, Oahu. 30 yrs at \$1230.50 per yr. B 320, p 356. Oct 20, 1909.

Frank Godfrey to Joseph E. Rogers; 1-3 Int in C E Steel & Co and Eureka Perfection Paint Co. B 331, p 105. Oct 19, 1909.

Patrick Gleason and wf to John Gonsalves Jr; D: Lots 26 and 27 of Apili? Kanepali Tract, Kailhi, Honolulu. \$750. B 319, p 373. Nov 9, 1909.

Cecil Brown Tr to Ernest K. Puni; D: Int in Lots 27 and 28, Blk 4, Kapiolani Tract, Honolulu. \$535. B 319, p 374. Sept 17, 1909.

William Waterhouse and wf to Mutual Telephone Co Ltd; D: Int in pe land, Adams Lane, Honolulu. \$1. B 319, p 375. Oct 2, 1909.

Waterhouse Invest Co Ltd to Mutual Telephone Co Ltd; D: pe land, Adams Lane, Honolulu. \$5210. B 319, p 377. Sept 14, 1909.

Herman A. Widemann to George H. Fairchild; D: 1-9 Int in Gr 3662, etc, N. Oloheua, Puna, Kauai. \$666.66. B 319, p 371. Oct 3, 1909.

Recorded Nov. 11, 1909.

A. Lewis Jr and wf to Joseph J. Fern; D: Int in Lot 5, Blk H, Kapiolani Tract, Honolulu. \$250. B 318, p 440. Apr 15, 1909.

Gerrit P. Wilder and wf to Joseph J. Fern; D: Lot 27, Blk 11, Kewalo Tract, Honolulu. \$600. B 318, p 441. Oct 27, 1909.

G. Honolulu Kula and wf to William Savidge; Part D: Int in Lot 6, 6751 sq ft of R P 2465, Kul 732, Leleu, Honolulu. B 319, p 378. Nov 5, 1909.

William Savidge and wf to G. Honolulu Kula and wf; Part D: Int in Lot A, 8289 sq ft of R P 2465, Kul 732, Leleu, Honolulu. B 319, p 378. Nov 5, 1909.

Cecil Brown Tr to Elvira Rego; D: Int in Lot 28, Blk 5, Kapiolani Tract, Honolulu. \$260. B 319, p 382. Nov 10, 1909.

T. Kailha to Hop Chong & Co; L: pe land, store etc, Waikolo, Ewa.

Oahu. 7 yrs; 5 yrs at \$30 per mo. 2 yrs at \$35 per mo. B 320, p 361. Nov 5, 1909.

Morris J. Bissel to J. Harris MacKenzie; P A: General powers. B 331, p 106. Nov 4, 1909.

Jean K. Angus to Sarah M. Angus (widow); D: Int in pe land, Nuuanu St, Honolulu. \$1. B 318, p 383. Nov 9, 1909.

Arthur P. Deverill by Tr to F. M. Swanzey; 1-20 Int in 40 ft R W through Gr 1277, Hauola, Hamakua, Hawaii. \$10. B 318, p 434. Aug 25, 1909.

Hamakua Mill Co to F. M. Swanzey; D: 1-2 Int in 40 ft R W through Gr 1277, and bldgs, rents etc, Hauola, Hamakua, Hawaii. \$100. B 318, p 436. Sept 30, 1909.

Charles H. Baker Jr and wf to F. M. Swanzey; D: Int in 40 ft R W through Gr 1277 and bldgs, rents, etc, Hauola, Hamakua, Hawaii. \$10. B 318, p 438. Aug 31, 1909.

Kanakaole Keopuhiwa (w) to Henry P. Baldwin; D: 1-2 share in hul land, Mailepai, Kaunapali, Maui. \$75. B 318, p 442. Nov 6, 1909.

Recorded Nov. 13, 1909.

Emelia Barrette to L. L. McCandless; 1-8 Int in (pers R P 5346, Kul 10498 King St and Kamehameha, IV Rd etc, Honolulu; 1-8 Int in personal property of Manuel A. Barrette decd. \$650. B 318, p 443. Nov 10, 1909.

Nakumuhau (w) to Hahulukahi (w); D: 3-4 share in hul land, Waialeale, Waialeale, Oahu; Int in share in hul land, Waialeale, Oahu; Int in real and personal property, Oahu. \$1 etc. B 318, p 445. Dec 19, 1909.

Beke Kalamakee by Gdn. to Andrew E. Cox; L: R P 1472, Kul 2768B; Kawailoa-kai, Waialeale, Oahu. 10 yrs at \$10 per yr. B 320, p 363. Sept 27, 1909.

J. Alfred Magoon to Hakuole and wf; Part Rel; por Ap 1, R P 1807, Kewalo, Honolulu. B 322, p 386. Nov 4, 1909.

Lul Oliva et als to David Hakuole; Part D: Lots A and B of Ap 1, R P 1807, Kul 3169, rents etc, Kewalo, Honolulu. B 318, p 446. Nov 11, 1909.

David Hakuole and wf et als to Lul Oliva; Part D: Lot C, 1370 sq ft of Ap 1, R P 1807, Kul 3169, rents etc, Kewalo, Honolulu; por of Ap 1, R P 1807, Kul 3169, rents etc, Kewalo, Honolulu. B 318, p 446. Nov 11, 1909.

David Hakuole and wf et als to

Akamu L. Kaholokai; 24565 sq ft of Lot D of Ap 1, R P 1807, Kul 3169, rents etc, Kewalo, Honolulu. B 318, p 446. Nov 11, 1909.

David Hakuole and wf to Yee Young; D: Lot A of Ap 1, R P 1807, Kul 3169 and 1-3 Int in 10 ft R W from Waimanu St, Honolulu. \$400. B 318, p 450. Nov 12, 1909.

Lul Oliva to David Hakuole Jr; D: Int in Lot C, of por R P 1807, Kul 3169, Kewalo, Honolulu. \$50. B 318, p 451. Nov 11, 1909.

Huakini (k) to Huakini Hili (k); D: 1-4 A land, bldgs etc. \$1 etc. B 326, p 30. Nov 1, 1909.

Manoel R. de Sa and wf to Evangelino de Silva; D: Lots 25 and 26, Blk 5, Kapiolani Tract, Honolulu. \$500. B 318, p 453. Nov 12, 1909.

R. A. Lucas to Hamamoto Tahel; Rel; fishing boat etc, Fuji San Maru, Waialeale, S. Hilo, Hawaii. \$1067.50. B 322, p 382. Nov 8, 1909.

Y. Shitamoto to M. Kodzumi; C M; fishing boat etc, Fuji San Maru, Waialeale, S. Hilo, Hawaii. \$1500. B 322, p 382. Nov 8, 1909.

Anehiha and hsb to Young Men's Savs Socy Ltd; M; Aps 1, 2 and 3, R P 1405, Kul 4377, bldgs, etc, Waialeale, Waialeale, Maui. \$200. B 322, p 384. Nov 10, 1909.

Huakini nui (k) to Jos N. Uahli; nui; D: 1-4 A of Lot 9, Kauhakakai, p 388. Nov 10, 1909.

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